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Dear Eriend:

On September 28 and 29, 1982, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held a set of hearings on the topic of Soviet succession. The first day was devoted to receiving classified testimony from analysts from the Central Intelligence Agency. On the second day, we heard from four leading scholars in Soviet studies.

The predictions of our intelligence analysts at these hearings proved to be quite foresighted. For example, at the time of our hearing, Yuri Andropov was identified as one of two prime contenders to succeed Brezhnev. This prediction has been quite dramatically proved true following the death of Leonid Brezhnev in November, 1982. A number of other statements made at our hearing prior to the Soviet succession have also been borne out by subsequent facts. This speaks well for our intelligence analysts and our scholars.

Because of recent events in the Soviet Union, we believe that the material contained in this volume is especially pertinent. We recommend its reading to you, to your staff and to the American public.

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